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Men's tennis hosts conference foes for C-USA championship — SEE SPORTS, A5



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ANIMALS

STOLEN CHIHUAHUA RETURNED

A stolen \$3,000 Chihuahua puppy has been returned to Worldwide Puppies & Kittens, a Long Island pet store with an apologetic note. Store manager Christina Ingoglia says a man ran away after dropping off the pup in a shoe box. She says he left a note saying the puppy's abductors were sorry they stole it and didn't have the money to buy it.



ANIMALS

FARMER GETS PARTY OF FIVE

A Michigan farmer's ewe gave birth to twins found himself carefully counting sheep when he later discovered three more lambs. One of Paul Oesterle's Suffolk-mix ewes gave birth to quintuplets last week. Michigan State University sheep expert Alan Culham says the chance of that breed bearing the multiple litter is one in 10,000.



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AROUND CAMPUS, A2

GRADUATION TICKET PICK UP CONTINUES THROUGH SATURDAY

Graduation tickets will be available this week at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore near the UCF Arena. upcoming graduates may pick up their tickets with photo ID and UCF regalia on Friday from 10 to 5 p.m.

LOCAL & STATE, A2

JUDGE SAYS MOTHER WHO HID GIRLS IN PIT IS COMPETENT

A Florida judge has ruled that a woman who allegedly hid her daughters in a hole beneath a beach playground is competent to stand trial. Tammy Kongkham faces five child neglect charges.

NATION & WORLD, A4

U.S. ARMY SOLDIER SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR MURDER

A U.S. Army soldier convicted of murder in the 2007 killings of four bound and blindfolded Iraqis was sentenced on Thursday to life in prison. He is up for parole after serving 20 years of his sentence.

Panelists discuss the first 100 days

SAMUEL J. STRUCKHOFF
Contributing Writer

From seasoned legislators to a seasoned stand-up comedian, the Lou Frey Institute Symposium hosted a variety of experts to discuss President Barack



For more coverage of Larry Wilmore: www.UCFNews.com

Obama's first 100 days in office on Wednesday in the Pegasus Ballroom.

The symposium featured topics such as national secu-

rity, the stimulus package and racial issues as addressed by *The Daily Show's* "Senior Black Correspondent," Larry Wilmore.

The keynote speaker and the only of the day to use

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CAITLIN BUSH / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
Brian Gaines, from the University of Illinois, talks about presidential and congressional job approval during the Lou Frey Institute's symposium on Wednesday.

UnCover Fridays



History comes alive

Forget the movie, Orlando's got its own replica of the Ship of Dreams. Come see *Titanic* — *The Experience* and put yourself in Leonardo DiCaprio's shoes.

— SEE VARIETY, A9

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Plus:

Maher talks politics in Real Time

Comedian Bill Maher got politically incorrect at the Hard Rock Live, venting about Bush, the economy, religion and the American way.



Care for some brains, Mr. Darcy?

Pride and Prejudice gets a heavy dose of the living dead in Seth Grahame-Smith's new book *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*, where heroine Elizabeth Bennet slashes and karate chops her way through 19th century corpses and still snags Mr. Darcy.

Democrat victories motivates GOP club

Student enthusiasm shifts with power

NICHOLAS LOUGHEED
Contributing Writer

Despite, or perhaps because of, their November election defeat, the UCF College Republicans has gained momentum.

While being out of power in Washington may be hurting the Republican Party nationally, the UCF chapter of College Republicans said it sees it as further motivation to spread its ideas and recruit new members.

"I think there's always more energy on the opposition side because you're hungry, you're out of power, and I think that's going to definitely assist us in our comeback," said Justin York, chairman of UCF College Republicans.

York cited the openings of new College Republicans chapters at both Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Rollins College in the midst of an election defeat as evidence of such energy. He said he believes the UCF chapter is one of the top in the state.

Juxtaposing the Republican post-election fervor is the UCF College Democrats feeling of complacency.

"It's not the same kind of excitement as it was during the election," said Ali Paradis, president of the UCF College Democrats.

With such a tremendous effort during the presidential election on the part of the Democrats, the post-election slump was almost expected, Paradis said.

Ariel Dansky, director of development of the UCF College Democrats, enjoyed the new influx of members during the election, which peaked at more than 300,

PLEASE SEE COLLEGE ON A2

Professor researches covenant laws

MONIQUE VALDES
Contributing Writer

COVENANT MARRIAGE

In some parts of the United States, a covenant marriage is a legally distinct kind of marriage, in which the marrying couple agree to obtain pre-marital counseling and accept more limited grounds for divorce. The movement to create covenant marriage as a legal category, largely driven by evangelical Christians, is a cultural and political response to the ready availability of no-fault divorce and the United States' high divorce rate.

With the nation's ever-increasing divorce rate, couples are taking a cue from the government bailouts and marrying with the pretense of a divorce option in their minds.

This has led some states to try to institute covenant marriage laws. Under these laws, a couple must go through intense pre-marital counseling before tying the knot and can only divorce under strict conditions.

James Wright, a UCF sociology professor, has devoted 10 years to researching covenant marriage laws in Louisiana, one of the first states to adopt the law in 1997.

He found that couples who enter pre-marital counseling under covenant law generally have longer-lasting marriages with less conflict. On the flip side, commonalities were found in troubled marriages from both the covenant and non-covenant.

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TODAY'S WEATHER



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AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

Time to pick up grad tickets

Graduation tickets for guests will be available today and Saturday at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore near the UCF Arena.

On Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., upcoming graduates may pick up their tickets with photo ID and the official UCF regalia rental.

Students may register for extra tickets online this week as well.

For more information go to the Registrar's Office Web site at www.registrar.ucf.edu or call 407-823-3100.

Acapella show on Saturday

The Acapella Extravaganza will be held on Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Communications Building Room 101.

UCF's Contemporary acapella group will be accepting donations in place of admission.

For more information contact Aja Jones-McCloud at 305-393-1526 or by e-mail at aja@knights.ucf.edu

Catholic Mass on Sunday

At 6 p.m. on Sunday the weekly Catholic Mass will take place in the Student Union in Room 316. Anyone and everyone is invited to attend.

For more information contact Patti MacKown at 407-823-6960 or by e-mail at pmackown@mail.ucf.edu

LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

Judge: Mother who hid girls in pit is competent for trial

FORT LAUDERDALE — A Florida judge has ruled that a woman who allegedly hid her daughters in a hole beneath a beach playground is competent to stand trial.

Tammy Kongkham faces five child neglect charges. Her next court date is June 12.

Kongkham asked the judge Wednesday what a trial is. Defense attorney Dione Trawick says Kongkham has had problems understanding what's happening in court.

Fort Lauderdale police say Kongkham and her young daughters spent weeks in the ant-infested hole without anyone noticing.

The 35-year-old woman allegedly abducted the girls from foster care in Philadelphia in October.

The 10-year-old was found begging for food in a Fort Lauderdale mall in December. Her mother and 8-year-old sister were found in a cardboard box in Tamarac two weeks later.

Man indicted in death of Florida correction officer

HARTFORD, Ala. — A south Alabama man is facing a reckless murder charge in the beating death of a Florida corrections officer.

Hartford, Ala., Police Chief Ben Berry said 22-year-old Jonathan Wes Windham, also of Hartford, turned himself in at the Geneva County Jail Monday.

Berry said 52-year-old Timothy Fowler held an Alabama football party on Jan. 3 and a fight broke out during a card game. He said Fowler apparently swung a flashlight at Windham, who then punched Fowler's face in the front yard.

An autopsy showed Fowler died of blunt force trauma to the head.

Windham was released on \$10,000 bond.

DIVERSIFYING PHILOSOPHY

Professor objects to lack of diversity in the philosophy field

MEGAN DONOGHUE
Contributing Writer

A UCF assistant professor discussed the lack of representation of Native Americans and other groups in philosophy Wednesday afternoon.

As part of the spring 2009 Philosophy Colloquium Series, Jennifer Lisa Vest discussed her book, *Sovereign Speak: Generating Academic Native American Philosophy*, to around 25 students and professors in the Psychology Building.

From an early age, Vest was involved in the world of philosophy, she said.

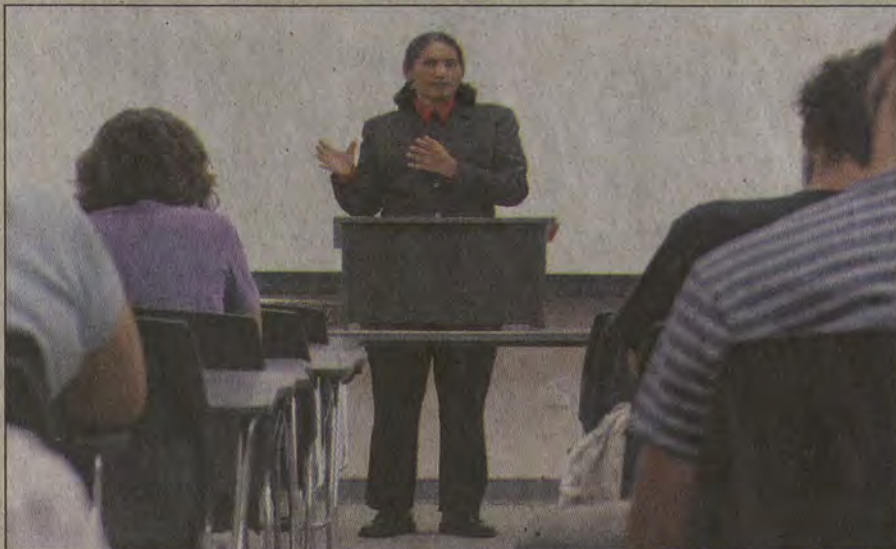
"[I] studied philosophy of science in college, but everything I was taught was written by dead white men," Vest said. "I wanted to see women thinkers and African and Native philosophies in the textbooks I was reading in college, but they were nowhere to be found."

Vest said much of her thought and research is written to evoke question and debate.

"As a professor I am always seeking to inspire my students to question everything, to be critical of their most cherished beliefs and of the beliefs of others," she said.

Arielle Schwartz, a senior philosophy major, said she thinks philosophy, as it's taught now, isn't as diverse as it should be.

"Philosophy should be taught as a culturally relative discipline, Native American as well as all other philosophical disciplines," she said. "We need to go beyond the white elitist mentality."



RAYMA JENKINS / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
Jennifer Lisa Vest presents her research on creating a new field of study — Native American philosophy — to students at the spring 2009 Philosophy Colloquium Series on Wednesday.

Vest also spoke about recurrent themes that are seen throughout several Native American works. An example of this is importance of land and the ongoing debate of what it means.

Such themes contrast Native American and modern American societies, said Harlan Wallner, Vest's teaching assistant and a senior philosophy major.

"I think that her idea of recurrent themes is essentially a picture of how and why the first people were able to live sustainably and harmoniously with the land, but also where America has gone wrong and how we need to start thinking about our place in the world if we are to salvage anything of America," he said.

Vest said that she is one of only 10 to 15 Native American philosophy scholars in the country.

"We all know each other," she said.

Vest began her research around 1998 with her doctoral dissertation. She attended the University of California, Berkeley, where she received her Ph.D. Vest has been at UCF since 2004 and teaches several philosophy classes.

Schwartz asked during the question and answer period, "If Native American philosophy was taught, would there be backlash?"

Vest explained that there could be hostility from other philosophers who find it challenging to depart from their Western point of views.

"The project is going to force individuals to rethink the meaning of philosophy," Vest said.



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College Dems anticipated slump

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but knew it wouldn't last.

"We expected to lose members, absolutely," Dansky said. "In election years, politics is on everyone's minds."

Martin Dupuis, an associate professor of political science and assistant dean of the Burnett Honors College, said he sees the Republican Party going through a growing period after the election, and was not surprised by the Democrats' situation.

"After the election, there may be sort of this let down, like after final exams," Dupuis said. "There's a drop off of interest in politics, which is natural."

The UCF College Democrats have 82 dues-paying members, while the UCF College Republicans have 96.

"The thing I was most surprised about, immediately after the election, was how many people we had still," York said. "After the election, we were worried we'd have a massive drop off in attendance, and in our very first meeting in January, we had about 62 people there, it was remarkable."

Paradis sees the flip-flop as typical. "It's easier to be a critic," Paradis said. "People like to complain."

Aubrey Jewett, an associate professor of political science, said the loss is a chance for the Republicans to gain members, at least as long as President Barack Obama keeps governing from the left.

"Republicans look at this as an opportunity to get back to their conservative principles and roots, remake the party, and make a come back," Jewett said.

Jewett compared the situation to that of Rush Limbaugh's increased talk show ratings during President Bill Clinton's years in office.

"There's nothing like having the opponent in office to



TIFFANY MCBRIDE / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
The College Republicans at UCF gather on April 15 outside the Student Union.

rally the troops," Jewett said.

A similar motivation could even be seen as the very reason for Obama's victory, Jewett said. Such a strong dislike for President George W. Bush was enough to get many students to join the Obama campaign who, otherwise, might not have been politically active.

Harold Hedrick, executive director of the UCF College Republicans, said he views the defeat as an opportunity to re-examine the Internet and media, hoping to better reach their target market: the American people.

"Losing gives us better inspiration, more of a drive to do better, to bring about new ideas, to better reach out to new people," Hedrick said.

But even without the underdog drive, UCF College Democrats are by no means dead. Aside from their tent outside the Student Union almost every day, they can also be found around campus trying to put an end to gerrymandering or working with the 2010 campaign.

"We're definitely still politically active, absolutely," Dansky said.

LOCAL WEATHER

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Covenant laws make married couples rethink divorce

FROM A1

"Once the marriage gets difficult, going into counseling greatly increases the odds that it will end up in divorce," Wright said. "What we often describe as marriage counseling for couples in trouble, often ends up to be divorce counseling. It helps the couple figure out how to end the marriage as amicably as possible."

Sociology major Rachel Forbes said she was not surprised by the outcome of this research.

"I think it's a meaningful way to reform divorce because it keeps marriage sacred," Forbes said. "I can't see it doing anything but help the marital institution."

A divorce in a covenant marriage is only permissible in the circumstance of abuse, abandonment, commitment of a felony or adultery, as opposed to the no-fault divorce policy most states use. Besides Louisiana, only Arizona and Arkansas have adopted the covenant marriage laws.

However, there is a low rate of people who choose to go into them, Wright said.

He said couples undergoing a covenant marriage must sign an affidavit saying that they have disclosed all information about themselves, including complete financial history, all personal attributes and even a complete run-down of their sexual history.

Wright said the research group he was a part of became big fans of the pre-marital counseling aspect of covenant marriages because it does not allow for surprise.

"Nobody wants to hear after they get married, 'By the way honey, I'm millions of dollars in debt,'" he said.

Wright and some of his colleagues were given funding from the National Science Foundation to conduct a long-term study of persons marrying

'Nobody wants to hear after they get married, 'By the way honey, I'm millions of dollars in debt.'

— JAMES WRIGHT
UCF SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR

under the law. The book on his research, *Covenant Marriage: The Movement to Reclaim Tradition in America*, was recently published.

The main opposition to covenant marriage is that it is too religious in nature and should not be imposed on people. Wright suggested that this is a false opposition.

His study showed that covenant marriages tend to be healthier precisely because it was religious people who founded this concept in the first place, and it works because it attracts the types of couple who honestly see marriage as a lifelong commitment.

Senior A.J. Covington, an interpersonal organizational communications major, said entering into a covenant marriage would prove a couple's commitment.

"Marriage is a sacred institution and should be treated as such," he said. "If one party didn't want to have a covenant marriage, then it would make the other member question if they were in it for real."

Covenant marriages also tend to work out more often than not because the people who choose these types of marriages usually have higher incomes, are a little more educated, and are traditional in most ways, Wright said.

Wright has plans to implement his now published research into his curriculum.

He currently has two students working on dissertations concerning his research.

COVENANT MARRIAGE ACT 2001

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- 3) Physical or sexual abuse of the spouse or a child of either spouse;
- 4) The spouses have lived separate and apart continuously without reconciliation for two years; or
- 5) Habitual drunkenness for one year, cruel and barbarous treatment, or such indignities as to render the spouse's condition intolerable

DIVORCE IN A COVENANT MARRIAGE

In a Covenant Marriage a spouse may get a divorce only after receiving counseling and only for the following reasons:

- 1) Adultery by the other spouse;
- 2) Commission of a felony or other infamous crime by the other spouse;
- 3) Physical or sexual abuse of the spouse or of a child of either spouse;
- 4) The spouses have lived separate and apart continuously without reconciliation for two years;
- 5) The spouses are judicially separated and have lived separate and apart continuously without reconciliation since the legal separation for:
 - a) Two years and six months if there is a minor child or children of the marriage;
 - b) One year if the separation was granted for abuse of a child or either spouse;
 - c) Two years in all other cases

SUITS AGAINST SPOUSES IN A COVENANT MARRIAGE

Unless judicially separated, spouses in a Covenant Marriage may only sue each other for causes of action pertaining to contracts, for restitution of separate property, for judicial separation, for divorce, for declaration of nullity of the marriage, or for causes of action pertaining to spousal support or support or custody of a child while the spouses are living separate and apart, although not judicially separated. The two documents that comprise the declaration of intent-the recitation and the affidavit with attestation-must be filed with the official who issues the marriage license with the couple's application for a marriage license.

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NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines from around the globe

U.S. Army soldier sentenced to life in prison for murder

VILSECK, Germany — A U.S. Army soldier convicted of murder in the 2007 killings of four bound and blindfolded Iraqis was sentenced on Thursday to life in prison.

Master Sgt. John Hatley, 40, will also have his rank reduced to private, forfeit all pay and receive a dishonorable discharge, a jury of eight Army officers and noncommissioned officers decided. He has the possibility of parole after serving 20 years.

Hatley and his wife, who sat behind him in the public gallery, both showed no emotion when the sentence was read out. He declined to speak to reporters afterward.

Hatley was found guilty Wednesday of premeditated murder and conspiracy in the execution-style killings of the detainees. He was acquitted of premeditated murder in a separate January 2007 incident in which a wounded Iraqi insurgent was shot and killed.

Hatley, who recently underwent knee surgery, limped to the stand with a cane to give an emotional closing statement earlier Thursday.

"I've served my country for half my life, which I think is the most honorable profession in the world," he said. "I served America with the best men our great country has to offer. And they are so many. My soldiers are like my sons and there's nothing I wouldn't do for them."

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HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

President Bernie Machen to discuss UF budget cuts

GAINESVILLE — University of Florida President Bernie Machen is planning to announce "a worst case scenario" of what state budget cuts could mean to the state's flagship university.

Machen is expected to detail on Thursday how many staff and faculty would be laid off and what programs would be cut if the legislature severely trims the state's higher education budget.

The proposed House budget cuts university spending 4 percent and the Senate proposal leaves spending about the same as this year.

Earlier this year, Machen told the university to expect another \$75 million in budget cuts this year.

UNC chief: Tancredo student protest under investigation

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Investigators are determining whether charges are warranted after a raucous student protest broke up a controversial speaking appearance this week by former Republican presidential candidate Tom Tancredo, the University of North Carolina chancellor said.

Chancellor Holden Thorp sent an e-mail to students and faculty Wednesday saying an investigation might result in criminal charges or campus honor court charges against students.

"Our Division of Student Affairs is also investigating student involvement in the protest," Thorp wrote. "If that investigation determines sufficient evidence, participating students could face Honor Court proceedings."

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Larry Wilmore, "senior black correspondent" for The Daily Show, gives the keynote address for the Lou Frey Institute's symposium Wednesday evening.

Too early to tell Obama's effect

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expletives and racial epithets, Wilmore kept an audience filled with college and high school students laughing throughout his time on stage.

Wilmore discussed how he got into the political and social commentary realm of comedy using impressions of political figures like Richard Nixon and Jesse Jackson.

Wilmore also took questions from UCF students about working on *The Daily Show*, the effect Obama has had on race relations and why Wilmore thinks the term "African-American" should be replaced by "Chocolate," a position he defends in a series of satirical letters addressed to the NAACP printed in his book, *I'd Rather We Got Casinos (and Other Black Thoughts)*.

Pertaining to issues of national security, one panel's experts spoke about what the administration is doing about cyberterrorism.

Mackenzie Eaglen from the Heritage Institute and James M. Ludes from the American Security Project said the U.S. is lacking in defense for cyber-warfare.

Since state-sponsored Russian hackers hijacked Georgian servers in the recent conflict between the two nations, they said cyber-warfare has increasingly been on the defense community's radar. There is also evidence that China is excelling in the development of cyber-warfare, they said.

Two panels made it clear to the audience of young people that much of the spending done by the current government will be paid for by their generation.

Jim Slattery, former Democratic senator from Kansas, named the practice by which governments borrow money at the expense of future generations "intergenerational robbery."

Former Republican representative from New Hampshire, Bill Zeliff, agreed, saying that the decisions being made in response to this crisis will affect the standard of living for the next generation.

But what the former congressmen did not agree upon was how well the Obama administration is handling the economic

crisis.

Zeliff said the stimulus package, "was written so quickly and passed so quickly [that] it's open to more interpretation than the Bible."

Zeliff warned that because the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act also involves tremendous spending, it will cause the federal government to expand as well as increase inflation.

Slattery said that it was too early to tell how effective the president's decisions will be, but in his analysis, he said Obama already deserved, "strong marks for being decisive."

Freshman English literature major Stephanie Worley said she isn't sold on Obama.

"I voted for him, but I wasn't crazy about him," she said.

Worley wanted to learn more about the Obama administration, she said, out of concern about other nations' opinions on the U.S.

Congresswoman Suzanne Kosmas, a freshman democrat representing Florida's 24th district, which includes Orlando, also gave a positive assessment of Obama's first 100 days in office.

Kosmas explained how the stimulus bill was designed to inject a short-term boost by creating jobs, saying that the plan has, "opportunities for everyone."

After the panelists' presentations, Pine Ridge High School senior Cass Weil asked them what was being done to improve education in the state, citing schools that do not have the test scores to receive additional funding under No Child Left Behind. The audience applauded when Weil finished his question.

Congressman Allen Boyd (D-Fla.) explained that most of the failure to use the law effectively occurred at the state level, because the law's flexibility allowed states to make mistakes in its implementation.

After the panel discussion, Weil said he was not satisfied with the response.

He said he was looking for a response that included a specific plan to correct the issues, but he said the congressman passed the blame to the state instead.

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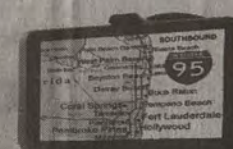
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Conference USA Men's Tennis Championship

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UCF hosts conference tournament today

CARLOS PINEDA
Staff Writer

The UCF Men's Tennis team will not have to do any traveling for the 2009 Conference USA Men's Tennis Championship.

The Knights, the sixth seed, will host against third seed SMU today at 2 p.m. at the UCF Tennis Complex in the first round of the tournament.

The Knights, which finished the regular season 10-10, faced a lot of challenges along the way, from the untimely passing of former player Sinan Sudas to dealing with the injuries of senior Brock Sakey and junior Claudio Romano. The underclassmen have definitely had to step up this spring.

"Overall, we've done a good job with a young team," UCF head coach Bobby Cashman said. "We've had a really demanding schedule. With two guys out the whole year, I think these guys have done a very good job of staying focused. Especially the freshmen, they have done a good job, they really have. I am proud of them. They have had some rough days, as freshmen do, but then they bounce back."

Leading the Knights this spring has been freshman Blaze Schwartz, who went 15-5 on the year. He was 5-0 at the No. 4 spot and won nine matches at the No. 3 spot. Junior Johan Beigart picked up 11 wins, and freshman Eugene Dolgoykh and junior Marc Rocafort each picked up 10 wins.

Cashman said the key for his team is to be successful early.

"The keys for us is to grab the momentum, and the momentum would be to win the doubles point and that's huge," he said. "We haven't done that enough this year to turn the corner. But I think that that's going to give us a big boost if we can take care of the doubles point and carry it over into singles. Everyone has to win at this level. It's going to be execution, and if we can control our nerves, if the younger guys can control their nerves and stay with their game form, it will be fine."

Cashman said that hosting the conference tournament will be a huge advantage for his young team.

"I think the comfortability factor, being at home, being in front of your home crowd and your own court, you're used to them, so that's definitely an advantage for us," Cashman said. "Training is going to be advantageous to us, because it is going to be warm and humid, and Dallas is warm, but not yet."

Cashman said that today's match will be a showdown of two similar teams.

PLEASE SEE **TOUGH** ON A8CARLOS PINEDA
Staff Writer

Although the Knights are the host team, there are seven other squads vying for the 2009 title, highlighted by Tulsa's attempt for a fourth consecutive championship.

In most other sports, the top teams get a bye into the second round, but men's tennis is different.

Tulsa, Rice, SMU and East Carolina are the top seeds, but because Conference USA has only eight competing teams, every team will play today in the first round. Here is what to watch from each squad during the tournament:

No. 1 seed: Tulsa

The Golden Hurricane enter this year's tournament as the back-to-back-to-back C-USA champions.

Tulsa is 18-9 on the season and ranked 32nd in the country. The Golden Hurricane have defeated seven ranked squads: No. 15 LSU, No. 19 Louisville, No. 32 Notre Dame, No. 35 Rice, No. 55 SMU, No. 61 Michigan State and No. 71 San Diego.

Be on the lookout for senior Arnau Bragues, ranked No. 1 overall in the nation. His record is 21-0 this season, playing all his matches at the No. 1 spot. Junior Philip Stephens is ranked 86th nationally. As a doubles pair, Bragues and Stephens are ranked third overall with an 11-5 record. Sophomore Victor Kolik and Stephens are ranked 62nd as a doubles pair. Freshman James Seagraves and senior Alberto Sottocorno rank at 86.

Tulsa faces Memphis today at 11 a.m.

2008 C-USA Championship — The Golden Hurricane picked up wins against Southern Miss 4-1 in the first round, UCF 4-0 in the semifinals and Rice 4-1 in the finals to claim

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UCF junior Johan Beigart and the Knights will face Rice today.

Men's basketball

Jordan, Garcia sign their letters of intent

RYAN BASS
Staff Writer

Wednesday marked a big day for the UCF Men's Basketball team.

It was the day that verbal commitments from Marcus Jordan, son of NBA legend Michael Jordan, and Nik Garcia turned into National Letters of Intent to play for UCF.

Jordan and Garcia both gave their oral commitments to UCF on April 6.

They both took their official visits the last weekend in March and were impressed with the things UCF had to offer. Wednesday marked the first day that representatives of UCF could make a comment about the signings.

Jordan, a 6-foot-2, 180-pound shooting guard, averaged 10.0 points and 4.5 rebounds per game this season at Whitney Young High School.

A high school teammate of current UCF guard A.J. Rompza, Jordan led his team to the state championship last month and totaled 19 points

MARCUS JORDAN



High school:
Whitney Young High School, Chicago

Foursome:
Jordan joins Nik Garcia, Keith Clanton and R.J. Scott in UCF's recruiting class.

and five rebounds in the win.

"Marcus brings the ability to get into the paint and make some things happen, both for himself and his teammates," Speraw said in a press conference Wednesday. "We need that ingredient to break down to defense and get into the paint. He will be able to create things, especially later in the shot clock, and he has the strength and assertiveness to do that."

Garcia, who is listed at 6-foot-5, was Jordan's teammate on their AAU squad, the Illinois Rising Stars. He averaged 22 points per game last year at Evanston Township High

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Baseball

Knights blow late lead

UCF loses third straight at home

RYAN BASS
Staff Writer

UCF head baseball coach Terry Rooney says it all the time — games are won and lost in the seventh and ninth innings.

Wednesday's baseball game against FGCU wasn't won in either of those innings, it was won in the 10th, and not by the Knights.

FGCU erased a 6-5 UCF lead in the top of the ninth when Josh Chester drove in a run with two outs.

After UCF (12-25) couldn't respond in the bottom of the ninth with runners at second and third, Robert Greene proceeded to take a 1-0 pitch in the top of the 10th inning over the left-field fence, leading the Eagles (19-14) to a 7-6 win in a game that lasted three hours and 25 minutes.

"First of all, when you get into those tight games, the whole key is you want



Chris Duffy, who was the designated hitter Wednesday against Florida Gulf Coast University, circles the bases after one of his two home runs in the 6-5 loss.

to try to put yourself in position to win the game," Rooney said. "We talk about winning innings seven and nine, we did, and we put ourselves in position to do that. It never comes down to one at bat or one pitch, it's the culmination of the entire day and an entire nine innings."

For most of those nine innings, the Knights looked as though they were on track for their 13th win.

After Eagles third baseman Tim Roberson homered with two outs in the

opening frame, the Knights responded with a couple of runs of their own in the bottom half of the first.

Colin Arnold led off the inning with a single, extending his hitting streak to 20 games, before Eric Kallstrom dropped down a bunt to advance him to second.

After Shane Brown struck out looking, Brandon Romans singled to right field, driving in Arnold and tying the game.

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Schedule



MEN'S TENNIS

SMU TODAY 2 P.M. (HOME)
The Knights will play the Mustangs in the first round of the Conference USA Championship at the UCF Tennis Complex.



SOFTBALL

HOUSTON SATURDAY-SUNDAY (AWAY)

As part of its eight-game road trip, UCF heads to Houston to take on the Cougars. The Knights are 3-10 away from the UCF Softball Complex.



WOMEN'S ROWING

LAKE NATOMA INVITATIONAL SATURDAY-SUNDAY ALL DAY (AWAY)

UCF and its varsity eight, which posted the fastest time in the Virginia Invitational, are on the road again, this time in Rancho Cordova, Calif.



MEN'S GOLF

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Tough schedule prepared Knights

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"They're a lot like us in many ways," Cashman said. "They're young, and they're dangerous. They have lost a lot of close matches, like us, against some very good teams. They've won a few close matchups like us, but they haven't turned the corner, so I think it is going to be an even match. Both teams are pretty evenly matched. If you look at who we have played and who they have played there's a lot of 4-3s. Any one can win this match."

The Knights' schedule this season had them playing nine ranked opponents: No. 7

Florida, No. 13 Tulsa, No. 29 Auburn, No. 33 Miami, No. 37 USEF, No. 47 Radford, No. 59 FAU, No. 7 New Mexico State and No. 70 East Carolina.

If there is any indication to how the Knights will fare in the tournament, it's that they won two out of three matches at the C-USA Shootout against Southern Miss and UAB. They were in position to win against East Carolina but fell through.

If the Knights can defeat the Mustangs they would advance to the semifinals Saturday. Last year UCF beat UAB in the first round, advancing to the second round and losing to eventual champ Tulsa.



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UCF head coach Bobby Cashman, left, said his team will have an advantage because of the weather in Orlando.

Duffy slows down, blasts two homers

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After Romans advanced on a wild pitch, the hot-hitting Beau Taylor stepped up to the plate and crushed a 2-2 pitch to right center, giving the Knights a 2-1 lead.

The teams exchanged runs in both the second and third innings, with FGCU scoring three runs in the second and one in the third. The Knights also got on the board in those two innings, thanks to Chris Duffy.

Duffy had the first of his two home runs on the night in the second inning, taking the first pitch to dead center field and over the wall. That was the first of two runs in the second inning, which tied the score at 4.

"I just tried to slow things down," Duffy said of his at bats. "Coach Rooney talked to me before batting practice, and he told me to slow things down and focus in. I just tried to slow every pitch down and make consistent contact, and it worked out for me tonight."

Duffy also hit a home run in the fifth inning, giving the Knights a 6-5 lead, and the Knights' relief pitching held it down during the next couple of innings.

D.J. Hicks, who came into the game with an ERA of more than 7.00, pitched arguably his best outing of the season, allowing no runs over the next six innings.

"It was clearly his best outing," Rooney said. "I thought he did a tremendous job. I mean, he put zeros up there all the way through. He just did a tremendous job there."

UCF's relief pitching fell apart in the final two innings as FGCU took control of the game and eventually the win.

The Knights have the rest of the weekend off, not playing another game for six days.

The weekend will give the team much-needed rest for the final stretch. It will also give Rooney a chance to go on a couple of recruiting trips.

"Our focus is next week," Rooney said. "No matter what happened tonight, I told them next week is the big push. That's kind of how I am coining it with our team."

As far as recruiting goes, the Knights are in their baseball signing period. Although the class won't be announced until August, Rooney promises this group coming in will comprise some of the best talent in the nation.

"There is no question in my mind that we will have a top nationally ranked recruiting class," Rooney said. "No doubt about it, clear cut, hands down, I can assure you that it will be one of the best recruiting classes in the country, and it's going to be a very large class."

Before those players come in, this current squad is still focusing on one thing: postseason baseball. It's still a reality, if the Knights finish off the final 14 games on a winning note.

"The reality is this: the goal you have in college baseball is you want to get to the postseason," Rooney said. "We can still do that. We can still get to the NCAA Regional. ... We have to win the conference tournament, but we have to get to the conference tournament."

"The reason it is the big push is we have to take care of business the next two weekends in Conference USA."

Tournament features 3 ranked teams

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their third consecutive conference title.

Tulsa enters the tournament having won five of its past seven matches.

No. 2 seed: Rice

The Owls enter the tournament with a No. 37 ranking and a 15-9 record. They won eight matches against ranked opponents this year: No. 12 Texas A&M, No. 17 Miami, No. 33 TCU, No. 38 San Diego State, No. 39 Texas A&M Corpus Christi, No. 63 San Diego, No. 72 SMU and No. 75 Southern Miss.

Be on the lookout for senior Christoph Muller, who is ranked 46th in the nation, and junior Bruno Rosa, who is ranked one spot behind him at 48th. The doubles pair of Muller and senior Tobias Scheil is ranked 53rd.

Rice plays UAB today at 5 p.m. in the first round.

2008 C-USA Championship — The Owls finished the tournament as the runner-up. They beat East Carolina 5-0 in the first round, SMU 4-2 in the semifinals and lost 4-1 to Tulsa in the finals.

Rice enters today with a two-match winning streak.

Their past seven opponents were ranked.

No. 3 seed: SMU

The 68th-ranked Mustangs round out C-USA's ranked teams. They finished the regular season with a 15-10 record. SMU won three matches against ranked teams: No. 50 VCU, No. 72 South Alabama and No. 75 New Orleans.

Be on the lookout for junior Robin Fahgen, who is ranked 65th in the nation.

SMU battles UCF today at 2 p.m.

2008 C-USA Championship — The Mustangs defeated Memphis 4-0 in the first round before being ousted in the semifinals by Rice 4-2.

SMU has won five of its past seven matches heading into the tournament.

No. 4 seed: East Carolina

The Pirates enter the tournament with a 19-4 record.

Be on the lookout for senior Aleksey Kochetov, who went 17-3 on the season and 14-3 from the No. 5 spot. Junior Stephen Whitwell was 18-4 including an impressive 10-0 from the No. 2 spot. Junior Bryan Oakley went 15-2

and was 12-2 at the No. 6 spot. The duo of Oakley and Whitwell went 15-3 at doubles.

East Carolina takes on Southern Miss in the opening game at 8 a.m.

2008 C-USA Championship — East Carolina lost 5-0 in the first round to Rice.

The Pirates go into the tournament having won three of their last four games.

No. 5 seed: Southern Miss

The Golden Eagles finished the regular season with a 9-8 record. They defeated three ranked teams: No. 70 East Carolina, No. 72 UNLV and No. 75 New Orleans.

Be on the lookout for freshman Patricio Alvarado, who went 14-3, all from the No. 1 spot.

He is on a nine-match winning streak and ranked 112th in the nation.

Southern Miss faces off against East Carolina in the opening match at 8 a.m. They beat East Carolina during the season at the C-USA Shootout 5-2.

2008 C-USA Championship — Southern Miss dropped a 4-1 decision to Tulsa in the first round.

Southern Miss heads into

the tournament having lost five of their past six matches.

No. 7 seed: UAB

The Blazers enter the tournament with a 10-10 record. Their first five matches were against ranked teams.

Be on the lookout for freshman Daniel Moser, who went 11-6, including an 8-2 record from the No. 4 spot.

UAB will play Rice in the final match of the day at 5 p.m.

2008 C-USA Championship — UAB fell to UCF 4-2 in the first round.

The Blazers enter this year's tournament having won three of the past four.

No. 8 seed: Memphis

The Tigers ended the regular season 14-10. They have had two different four-game win streaks throughout the season.

Be on the lookout for senior Jorge Vazquez, who is ranked 103rd in the nation.

Memphis will take on Tulsa this morning at 11 a.m.

2008 C-USA Championship — Last season Memphis lost in the first round to SMU 4-0.

The Tigers enter this year's tournament on a two-match winning streak.

Speraw says team camaraderie played big role

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School.

"Nik is a great shooter," Speraw said. "He is long, lanky and has good ball skills, and he has a good sense on how to play the game of basketball. His best days are certainly ahead of him."

Garcia and Jordan join Keith Clanton of Orlando Christian Prep and R.J. Scott of Salmen High School in Slidell, La., who both led their schools to state championships, in one of UCF's most impressive recruiting classes.

But regardless of prominence or hype, Speraw said replacing former star Jermaine Taylor will be determined through practice.

"Whoever earns it will be out there," Speraw said. "We have a lot of talented guys

coming back, and we have a lot of talented guys coming in, so that's why I say the future of UCF Basketball is really bright."

As for Jordan, he is probably the biggest name recognition recruit UCF has signed in program history. Speraw talked with Jordan's father before he orally committed to the Knights.

"We have had a couple of conversations with Michael [Jordan], and they have been very good conversations," he said. "He was excited for the opportunity for his son. He had heard a lot of great things about the university and felt that the opportunity for Marcus was going to be an outstanding one."

Like Rompza, Jordan and Garcia are both from Chicago, a connection that may have helped in the commitment of both players.

But Speraw said how the team welcomed the two was just as important.

"When we had those guys come in on the visit, [the team] treated Nik and Marcus as Nik and Marcus," Speraw said. "They didn't treat them as something different. I think that there was a good connection early on between the recruits and the entire team, not just A.J."

"I think that is something that we will continue to build and the guys will get to know one another and that will help our chemistry both on and off the floor."

One player who may not be a part of that chemistry is forward Tony Davis, who was declared ineligible Feb. 18 and missed the rest of the season.

Speraw said he will have to "have a conversation with Tony and see where that takes us."

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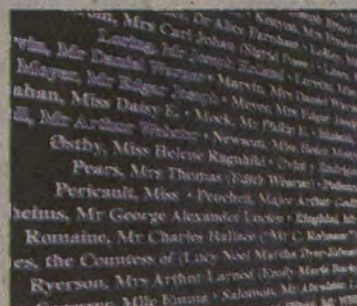
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This outfit from the movie *Titanic* is on display at Titanic The Experience.



From left to right: a guide playing a Titanic restaurant owner; a recreation of the grand staircase; a memorial listing the ship's passengers; a life jacket replica



UNSINKABLE

New tour on International Drive is of Titanic proportions

NICK D'AMBRA

Contributing Writer

Nearly everyone's seen the movie *Titanic*, but not enough have seen Titanic: The Experience. The exhibit takes visitors out of the movie theater and into the ship's hallways.

Ninety-seven years to the week after that fateful night, the exhibit guides people on a tour of the Titanic while giving them a taste of what life was like for the ship's passengers — pre-iceberg of course.

"I loved the character acting, it made you feel like you were there, going through all the rooms like on a real-life tour," said Robert James Bateman, 45, a visitor on vacation.

Bateman's grandfather was the Rev. Robert James Bateman, a passenger who died when the ship sank. At the last minute he gave his scarf to his sister-in-law as she left on the last lifeboat saying, "You'll need this more than I will."

"We learned so much, my son and I, and we got to connect with our family's history," Bateman said. "It was a great experience."

While not everyone who visits the exhibit has an ancestral connection, there is information for everyone and anyone.

"Every tour is different; we always talk about different things, and there's always something new to learn," said Jim Trebowski, a tour guide at the exhibit.

First stop on the tour is a room that plays a video with background information on the Titanic. The film gave information on the people involved in the making of the ship so people can realize there was more to the ship than just its demise.

After the video, the tour guide appears, dressed as a crewman from the Titanic. Going by the name Luigi Gatti and with an Italian accent to boot, he informs the tour group that he's the owner of one of the finest restaurants on the ship.

The next room is built to resemble a shipyard where workers are building the Titanic. The room is plain, with brick walls and a painted mural of the ship. Everyone's eyes, however, will likely focus on the gigantic golden propeller in the corner of the room that is a replica of one of three propellers the Titanic used.

Then it's off to South Hampton in 1912, where the group learns what kind of people the passengers of Titanic were and what it took to get on the grandest ship in history.

Continuing into a large room separated into multiple parts, the tour group sees the Marconi room, where passengers and crew sent messages back and forth on a 24-hour basis using telegraph equipment and Morse code.

The main area is a collection of furniture, personal items and pieces of the ship itself. There's the wooden deck chair that passengers would pay \$1 a day to rent — roughly \$45 in modern times, according to Gatti — and a large collection of jewelry recovered from the wreckage.

"There's just so much to take in on this tour; the artifacts, the people, and it's all so interesting," said Rod Johnson, 48, a tourist at the exhibit on vacation with his family.

Off to the side is a room that has a famous scene in the movie: the upscale millionaire suite of J.P. Morgan. Being a rich investor, Morgan had a luxurious suite built for him, but became ill before the maiden voyage.

PLEASE SEE **NEVER-LET-GO** ON A10

Elizabeth Bennet battles the undead

MIKE BALDUCCI
Staff Writer

Seth Grahame-Smith has saved English majors hours of boredom.

He's taken the literary classic *Pride and Prejudice* and added the one aspect of pop culture that can instantly transform the dull and mundane into the exciting and suspenseful: zombies.

Grahame-Smith's latest book, *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies: The Classic Regency Romance — Now with Ultraviolent Zombie Mayhem*, is exactly what it sounds like: zombies in 19th Century Britain interfering with the love lives of the main characters.

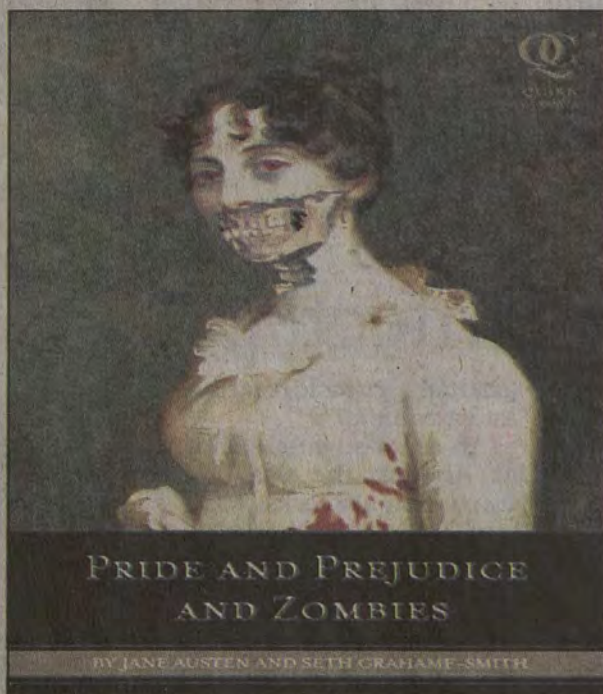
To spruce up the timeless novel, he added the undead scourge to give leading lady Elizabeth Bennet and company some activity outside of their complicated (and often boring) relationships.

Eighty-five percent of Jane Austen's original text remains in Grahame-Smith's version, but the inclusion of zombies is definitely evident and abundant.

The walking corpses attack the main characters from time to time, and secondary characters are mentioned as being killed by "the unmentionables," but the zombies are never seen as much more than an annoying nuisance by the high-class society.

Bennet often encounters a "regrettable visage of unmentionables, arms outstretched and mouths agape," but she merely unsheathes her blade and disposes of the walking dead before carrying on with her business — a far cry from the original.

Austen's novel has been widely acclaimed for empowering its protagonist heroine through strong wills and wit, but Grahame-Smith adds a



Seth Grahame-Smith mixes Jane Austen's 19th Century Britain with the living dead in his book *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*.

different element to her strength.

Newly trained in the deadly arts, she defends her family from the zombies with her masterful swordplay.

In one of the opening scenes, Bennet meets Mr. Darcy and Mr. Bingley at a high-society ball. She promptly stands alongside her sisters, and, with perfect coordination, they decapitate a force of zombie invaders.

PLEASE SEE **COURT** ON A10

He's still a cynic's cynic

MIKE BALDUCCI
Staff Writer

Bill Maher sees the world a little differently than most: He said Michael Phelps deserved the bong he smoked, religion is more a nuisance than a saving grace and Sarah Palin is a "moron he'd like to forget."

Maher performed to a packed house at the Hard Rock Live Orlando on Friday night. And as politics have taken the foreground of discussion since the economic downturn, Maher has been given a brand-new batch of material.

Maher's stand-up act serves as a way to get everything in the political world that frustrates him off his chest. He saved his infamous pet peeve, though, for the end.

Maher learned from past performances to stop bringing up religion at the beginning of his shows; too many guests would get upset and leave as soon as his holy rants began.

He knows his

PLEASE SEE **NOT** ON A10

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Comedian Bill Maher performed at Hard Rock Live Orlando on April 10



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Quick Flick

by William Goss

Read our film critic's review of 17 Again to relive the high school days, and Golden Boys to get a glimpse of what's ahead.

Modern Culture Shock

by Kris Kelly

How far is too far in the exploitative world of video games? Our columnist looks at war in games and how history is portrayed.

Counter Culture

by Tyler Gillespie

It's senior prom time again, but this time the same-sex couples reign supreme on the dance floor. Our columnist relives high school memories at GAYla's second-chance prom.

Slangmodia interview

by Nicole Schoen

Read some slang and get in the mood for our interview with local band Slangmodia and their experiences with the local club scene.

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MOVIE TIMES



Courtesy Lionsgate

CRANK: HIGH VOLTAGE (R)

The indestructible hopped-up hitman Chev Chelios, played to the hilt once again by Jason Statham, returns in Crank 2: High Voltage, picking up where the first film left off — except this time, Chelios is chasing a Chinese gangster who hijacked his heart and substituted it with a mechanical one that needs to be jolted with an electric charge to stay pumping.

Directed by: Mark Neveldine, Brian Taylor
Starring: Jason Statham, Amy Smart, Corey Haim, Bai Ling, Dwight Yoakam, Efron Ramirez, Clifton Collins Jr., Reno Wilson, Simone Bargetze, Danna Hansen



Courtesy New Line Cinema

17 AGAIN (PG-13)

Class of 1989, Mike O'Donnell is a star on his high school basketball court with a college scout in the stands and a bright future in his grasp. But instead, he decides to throw it all away to share his life with his girlfriend Scarlett and the baby he just learned they are expecting. But Mike is given another chance when he is miraculously transformed back to the age of 17. Unfortunately, Mike may look 17 again, but his thirtysomething outlook is totally uncool in the class of 2009.

Directed by: Burr Steers
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Never-let-go tour

FROM A9

The tour moves on to a recreated Grand Staircase — the epitome of elegance.

Remade to show how beautiful the architecture was, this is where Luigi leaves the group in the hands of a new tour guide: Harry Molson, still played by Trebowski.

With a new Canadian-accented tour guide in tow, the group makes way through a hallway recreated to be similar to the hallways leading toward the ship's steerage. Trebowski tells the group to take note that the third-class passengers could essentially be locked in and trapped on their floors due to the steel gates.

The hallway leads to a cargo room in which another landmark of the movie can be seen: the famous car from Jack and Rose's steamy scene.

The last stop for the tour is a memorial room for the passengers of the ship. The walls are covered in glass sheets inscribed with the many names of passengers onboard its maiden voyage.

Tour guests, paired with the name of a passenger on the manifest, search for the name on the walls in order to find out the fate of their partner.

"I really liked that we had a passenger paired up



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Visitors to the exhibit look over pictures of passengers on the ship.

with us, and we got to find out more about their life and find out their fate at the end on the memory wall," Johnson said.

The last bit of entertainment for the night is an ice block on the wall, kept at 31 degrees, simulating the chill of the water that night. The tour guide tells the group to try placing our palms flat on the ice and hold for 10 seconds.

None has made it longer than 5 seconds.

"Now imagine that over your entire body," Trebowski said. "That's what it was like for those in the water."

As guests file out, they find a newfound respect for the passengers of the ship.

They might be expecting a tour on the ship but instead will be pleasantly surprised with getting a glimpse of what it was like to be on the Titanic those many years ago.

Not for red states

FROM A9

beliefs are controversial, but he doesn't care.

If you really had that big of a problem with his thoughts, he said, you wouldn't be at his show in the first place.

Maher's act relies heavily on analogy, and most of his stories relate to politics in some way.

In a particularly memorable story, Maher described the scene of a drug dealer's home in 1980.

During a trip to the house to buy mushrooms, he noticed that the dealer had lit his house entirely with candles and open windows, but what Maher thought was a classy and economical way of life was actually just a poor drug addict's electricity getting shut off.

Maher claims that, just like the drug dealer, America has a reliance on "dressing up old, ugly crap and pretending it's new."

Maher has long called himself a staunch libertarian, although his act portrayed him as much more of a Democrat than he'd like to admit.

His act was almost entirely about his support for President Barack Obama and his disdain for the Republican Party.

It was odd hearing

Maher sound more like Al Franken than the biting libertarian commentator we're anticipating.

Not that there's anything wrong with these views; it's just that Maher used to take a much more centrist view.

Instead of being an equal opportunity offender, Maher's vitriol was directed heavily at Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck and Bill O'Reilly, with sideswipes at former President George W. Bush.

He praised Obama for his work on issues such as stem-cell research, Guantanamo Bay and the stimulus.

Despite his recent political inconsistencies, Maher's act has always been consistently funny.

He rarely strays off-topic and he only gets flustered when drunks yell at him from the back of the auditorium.

During the climax of a joke with a long and deliberate buildup, a shout from the back of the room interrupted Maher, to which he, clearly annoyed, replied, "That's not funny; my joke was funny. Now you ruined it."

But while staunch Republicans may not enjoy his verbal abuse of the GOP, everyone else will get their money's worth at his show.

Court the infected

FROM A9

However, the zombies aren't her only competition. A trio of ninjas also make a guest appearance as formidable sparring partners for Bennet, until she disembowels a zombie with a katana.

The ultraviolent zombie scenes are a welcome addition, and they never get tiring; however, I often found myself skipping some of Austen's original dialogue and searching for another zombie beheading.

In fitting with its English-class history, *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* has a special reader's discussion guide, with questions such as, "Is Mr. Collins merely too fat and stupid to notice his wife's

gradual transformation into a zombie?"

In a not-so-subtle shot at Austen, the reader's discussion also asks, "Can you imagine what this novel might be like without the violent zombie mayhem?"

If you love zombies, you'll love this book.

If you love Jane Austen, you'll still love this book.

And if you hate Jane Austen's writing, you'll probably love this book even more, because it effectively removes most of the dull Victorian chatter that has made so many people put down the book in frustration over the years.

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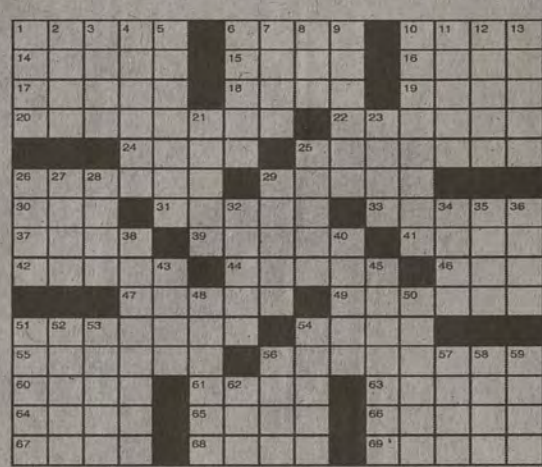
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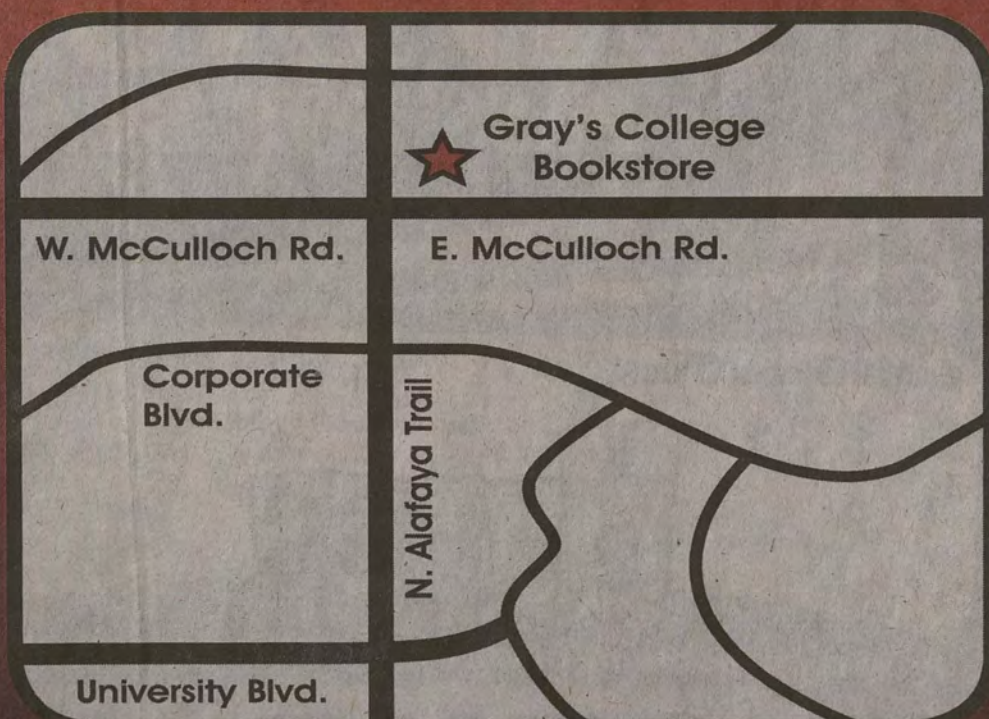
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